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SUBJECT: BAL DES PETITS LITS BLANCS A LA

NOUVELLE ORLEANS

1. MAJOR FRENCH-SPONSORED BICENTENNIAL EVENT WILL BE 37TH BAL DES PETITS LITS BLANCS A LA NOUVELLE ORLEANS, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN NEW ORLEANS 21 MAY. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY ORGANIZERS OF BALL AND REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. FOR TEMPORARY IMPORTATION; TO BE RETURNED TO FRANCE:

132 TABLECLOTHS (WHITE WITH A LILY FLOWER PATTERN)

B. FOR CONSUMPTION AT BALL:

1000 BOTTLES CHATEAU BRANAIRE SAINT-JULIEN

504 MAGNUMS COMTE DE CHAMPAGNE

204 MAGNUMS BRUT RESERVE

1 JEROBOAM BRUT 1947 (TAITTINGER)

2000 EVENT PROGRAMS

1500 BALL PROGRAMS

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19 REELS OF FILM (APPROXIMATELY 74 MINUTES)

1200 GIFT CASES OF POWDER (LANCOME)

2. MATERIAL WILL ARRIVE IN NEW ORLEANS MONDAY, MAY 17,
ABOARD SPECIAL CHARTER FLIGHT FROM PARIS, AF 4011, AT
1545 (LOCAL TIME).

3. IN VIEW OF PRESTIGIOUS CHARACTER OF EVENT AND FACT
THAT PROCEEDS FROM BALL WILL GO TO NEW ORLEANS CHARITY,
EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT COORDINATE WITH
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS IN WASHINGTON TO OBTAIN NECESSARY
CLEARANCE TO PERMIT ITEMS NOTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE TO BE
ALLOWED PRO FORMA ENTRY PURSUANT TO TSUS 82L.
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